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## **Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee SB 1916 / OPPTD**

**SACRAMENTO**----Citing the need for industry, regulators and environmentalists to work together to explore ways to reduce the production of hazardous waste in the state, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Ed Lowry today announced appointments to the DTSC California Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee.

The committee was created by Senate Bill 1916 in 1998. The legislation increased the funds available to DTSC's pollution prevention program. To implement the provisions of this bill, DTSC has established the Advisory Committee, and will prepare a two-year pollution prevention workplan by June 15, 2000. The two-year workplan will include the identification of priorities for pollution prevention assistance in both a large and a small business category.

"Through a collaborative fact-finding and decision-making process, DTSC and the Advisory Committee will evaluate hazardous waste source reduction progress in the state and provide a forum for determining the best methods to reduce and minimize the production of hazardous wastes," said Lowry.

The Advisory Committee consists of ten public members, representing diverse interests, and representation from relevant Cal/EPA boards and departments. The public members are:

- o Greg Beach, CalCUPA Forum, San Bernardino County Fire Department
- o Barbara Brenner, Breast Cancer Action
- o Brian Cox, Humboldt County Environmental Health Department
- o Stewart Crook, Hewlett-Packard
- o Ann Heil, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
- o Larry Moore, Larry's Autoworks
- o Kelly Moran, Sierra Club
- o Maggie Robbins, California Labor Federation
- o James Schrack, ARCO
- o Martha Valdes, Environmental Health Coalition

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Representatives from the Air Resources Board, Integrated Waste Management Board, the State Water Quality Control Board, and the Cal/EPA Office of the Secretary will also participate. Besides the creation of the committee, SB 1916 also requires DTSC to:

- o Evaluate available data to estimate the quantities of waste generated in the state by hazardous waste streams, the amounts generated by SIC Code, and the amounts generators can send offsite for management;
- o Evaluate source reduction progress in the state;
- o Develop with the Advisory Committee and using data evaluation, a two-year workplan for DTSC source reduction programs;
- o Provide source reduction training and resources to Certified Unified Programs, small business development corporations, business environmental assistance centers, and other regional and local government environmental programs;
- o Select, with the Advisory Committee, an industry category consisting primarily of large or technically complex businesses, as a focus for technical assistance. This activity is to emphasize direct communication between DTSC and industry;
- o Evaluate other states' voluntary pollution prevention programs in the interest of determining whether such a program is appropriate for use in California.

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***DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.***